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In re Appln. of: Eiichi Komai et al.

Appln. No.: 10/618,375

Filed: July 9, 2003

For: Compact Non-Reciprocal Circuit Element

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Examiner: Stephen Jones

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Respectfully submitted,

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## SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the telephonic interview of December 10, 2004 between the Examiner and Applicants' agent Anthony P. Curtis, Ph.D., Reg. 46,193, Applicants submit this substance of interview. In the interview, Applicants agreed to amend Claims 1 and 8 for minor issues. More specifically, the Examiner indicated that he would amend Claims 1 and 8 by Examiner's amendment to recite:

1. A non-reciprocal circuit element comprising:  
a yoke including, therein:

a magnetic plate;  
    a plurality of line conductors disposed on a first main surface of the magnetic plate and insulated from one another, each line conductor having a terminal segment;

    a plurality of capacitor chips disposed around the magnetic plate; and

    a magnet for applying a DC bias magnetic field in a direction substantially perpendicular to the first main surface of the magnetic plate, the magnet having an elliptic shape in plan view,

    wherein the line conductors intersect on the first main surface of the magnetic plate and are connected to one another on a second main surface of the magnetic plate, the terminal segments of the line conductors are connected to the capacitor chips, and the magnet has a major axis and a minor axis in plan view and has a convex surface on at least one peripheral portion thereof.

8. A non-reciprocal circuit element comprising:

    a yoke including, therein:

    a magnetic plate;

    a plurality of line conductors disposed on a first main surface of the magnetic plate and insulated from one another, each line conductor having a terminal segment;

    a plurality of capacitor chips disposed around the magnetic plate; and

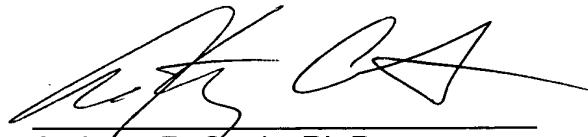
    a magnet for applying a DC bias magnetic field in a direction substantially perpendicular to the first main surface of the magnetic plate,

    wherein the line conductors intersect on the first main surface of the magnetic plate and are connected to one another on a second main surface of the magnetic plate, the terminal segments of the line conductors are connected to the capacitor chips, and the magnet has a major axis and a minor axis in plan view and has a convex surface on at least one peripheral portion thereof, and

wherein one of a ratio of the minor axis of the magnet to the minor axis of the magnetic plate and a ratio of the major axis of the magnet to the major axis of the magnetic plate ranges from 1.6 to 1.9.

Accordingly, Applicants herein supply a substance of interview and respectfully requests that the Examiner issue the Notice of Allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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